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THE WEST GERMANS REPORT REAL PROGRESS IN SEVERAL AREAS DURING THE SECOND ROUND OF EAST-WEST GERMAN TALKS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING FORMAL TIES BETWEEN BONN AND PANKOV. THE GAUS-NIER SESSION ON FEBRUARY 21 THE FOLLOWING MADE PROGRESS:

--GDR NEGOTIATOR NIER AGREED TO THE PERMANENT ACCREDITATION OF THE GDR MISSION TO THE FRG CHANCELLERY. PANKOV WILL WRITE A LETTER TO BONN INDICATING ITS POSITION IN GENERAL TERMS BUT WILL EXPECT NO REPLY.

--BOTH SIDES NOW REGARD APPLICATION OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION TO THEIR MISSIONS AS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

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--THEY AGREED ON A GENERAL CLAUSE TO COVER THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MISSIONS.

--NIER AGREED THAT FRG MISSION MEMBERS COULD USE CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, SINCE IT IS OPEN AT ALL TIMES.

BERLIN CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR STUMBLING BLOC. THE FRG INSISTS ON ITS RIGHT TO CONSULAR REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN THE GDR. THE EAST GERMANS WANT CHIEFS OF MISSION TO HOLD TITLE OF AMBASSADOR, WHILE THE FRG OPPOSES THE TITLE.

BOTH SIDES ARE TALKING OPTIMISTICALLY ABOUT OPENING MISSIONS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. NIER EVEN SUGGESTED MARCH OR APRIL AS TARGET DATES, BUT GAUS INDICATED MAY 1 WOULD BE THE EARLIEST THE BUNDESRAT COULD CONCLUDE ACTION ON THE MISSIONS.

THE NEXT TALKS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6, PROBABLY IN EAST BERLIN. BOTH SIDES APPEAR OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY CAN MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS. E-2 IMPDET.

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